

## **The 2012 Regional Alumni Outreach Competition**

We are pleased to announce the competition for 2012 AEECA Regional Alumni Outreach Funding to support State Department (DOS) program alumni in Eastern and Central Europe.

This year, a total of \$100,000 of AEECA funding is available to support these programs.

The primary purpose of the funding is to support and encourage networking opportunities among DOS-sponsored program alumni and their colleagues in the fields that promote democratic advancement and economic reform.

Funds may be used for, but are not limited to, the following sets of activities:

- To initiate a public or community service program;
- To provide support for alumni association events;
- To organize training programs or conferences for professional colleagues and/or other alumni;
- For travel grants within Europe, including for regional alumni events;
- To provide cost-sharing for international travel to U.S.;
- To provide continued funding for existing alumni centers, and minimal start-up costs for alumni associations;
- To organize and plan networking events;
- To develop and publish curricula, textbooks, reference materials, or educational materials;
- To publish public information pamphlets or brochures on topics that further USG assistance goals; and
- To conduct other projects that support democratic and economic reform initiatives.

Individual alumni of DOS-funded programs or organizations that were given DOS-supported grants are eligible to submit proposals for this funding.

Proposals may target a single country, or more than one country (two- or multiple-country projects with cross-border components).

Please submit your proposals to Albion Abdullai ([abdullaia@state.gov](mailto:abdullaia@state.gov)) as MS Word attachments in an e-mail.

The **deadline for proposal submission is Wednesday, May 2, 2012**. It is anticipated that funding announcements will be made by the mid to end May.